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Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Montoya, Tom -FS <tmontoya@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Stein, Kris -FS <krisstein@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Re: Lostine Corridor

Hello Tom & Kris,

I'm back (briefly) in the office. As soon as I suppress some (metaphorical) fires, I'll try to give Kris a call - I'm aiming for early afternoon.

I had an opportunity to speak with Tom and others on Wednesday. As we discussed, as this issue gets broader attention, rather than continue on our current path, we'd like to be able to tell a story of the Forest Service listening to concerned local landowners and other stakeholders and resolving an unnecessary controversy surrounding a special place.

I think that's still possible. To do so, I think those stakeholders (that includes Oregon Wild and me) would want to know that the Forest Service:

1. Will not sign a decision until you
2. Meet with concerned stakeholders, provide an opportunity to provide meaningful input, and be willing to be substantively responsive to that input.
 - o To be clear, that means being willing to adjust the project based on input (collaborate) and not just tell us in more detail what you intend to do and solicit feedback.

I look forward to discussing this in more detail and hope it can be a first step in making a meaningful course correction.

Thank you,
Rob

On Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 6:09 PM, Montoya, Tom -FS <tmontoya@fs.fed.us> wrote:
Rob: I appreciate you thoughts and concerns with the Lostine Project. I believe Kris has offered to have some further dialog with you, and support this effort. Maybe we can find time during the Forest Collaborative meeting tomorrow to discuss this further.

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 17, 2017, at 6:06 PM, Rob Klavins<rk@oregonwild.org> wrote:

Hello Sitka,

I understand that despite recent offers to engage in a meaningful collaborative process, the Forest Service is insisting upon signing a Final Record of Decision on the Lostine Corridor project very soon.

In the last few weeks, I've spoken with many local landowners who have expressed confusion and dismay over the project. Despite FS rhetoric to the contrary, they do not feel they were given an opportunity to provide meaningful input into the project (which is different than simply being told what the FS intends to do). They are gravely concerned that, in the name of safety, they are being asked to sacrifice the values that caused them make this place their home.

I have also spoken with recreationists and other visitors who consider the Lostine project one of their favorite places on earth. To the extent the details are known (which has been limited and contradictory) they are shocked to hear what the Forest Service intends to do.

As you know, I work for one of the two organizations who were publicly (and objectively falsely) referenced as being conservation representatives in a collaborative process. I am also a local landowner and my wife and I own a small business dependent on visitors who come for the areas natural values.

In all of these capacities, on behalf of our members, and on behalf of the many people I have spoken with about this project, I am deeply disturbed. More so, because it is part of a disturbing pattern of behavior from this district that shows no signs of abating.

As we have said since the outset, if the Forest Service is interested in creating a meaningful collaborative process on this project - as required by law - we stand ready to participate. We would happily help develop, support, and champion a project focused on public safety and forest health.

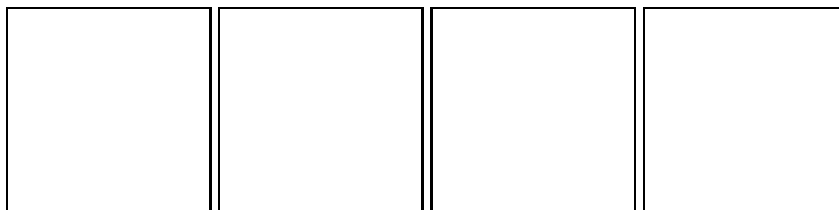
It is not too late to avoid unnecessary conflict.

Regards,
Rob

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